

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
ASHEVILLE DIVISION  
1:17 CR 41**

<b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,</b>	)	
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<b>Vs.</b>	)	<b>ORDER</b>
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<b>CARL JAY WHITSON.</b>	)	
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**THIS CAUSE** came on to be heard and being heard before the undersigned at the close of a Rule 11 proceeding that was held before this Court on June 2, 2017. It appearing to the Court at the call of this matter on for hearing the Defendant was present with his counsel, Mary Ellen Coleman and the Government was present and represented through AUSA Dan Bradley. From the arguments of counsel for the Defendant and the arguments of the Assistant United States Attorney and the records in this cause, the Court makes the following findings:

**Findings.** On April 4, 2017 a bill of information was issued charging Defendant with receiving child pornography, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(2)(A) and possession of child pornography, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(5)(B). On June 2, 2017 the undersigned held an inquiry, pursuant to Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure and accepted a plea of guilty of

Defendant to the charges contained in count two of the bill of information. At the end of the Rule 11 proceeding, this Court presented the issue of whether or not Defendant should now be detained, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3143(a)(2).

**Discussion.** 18 U.S.C. § 3143(a)(2) provides as follows:

(2) The judicial officer shall order that a person who has been found guilty of an offense in a case described in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of subsection (f)(1) of section 3142 and is awaiting imposition or execution of sentence be detained unless ----

(A)(i) the judicial officer finds there is a substantial likelihood that a motion for acquittal or new trial will be granted; or

(ii) an attorney for the Government has recommended that no sentence of imprisonment be imposed on the person; or

(B) the judicial officer finds by clear and convincing evidence that the person is not likely to flee or pose a danger to any other person or the community.

From an examination of the records in this cause, it appears that Defendant has now entered a plea of guilty to possession of child pornography in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(5)(B) which is considered to be a crime of violence as provided by 18 U.S.C. § 3156 and is an offense for which a maximum term of imprisonment of ten years or more is prescribed. That crime is one of the crimes that is referenced under 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(1)(A).

The undersigned made an inquiry of Assistant United States Attorney Dan Bradley as to whether or not there is going to be a recommendation that no sentence

of imprisonment be imposed upon Defendant. Mr. Bradley advised the Court that such a recommendation could not be made in this matter.

Due to the plea of guilty, the undersigned cannot find there is a substantial likelihood that a motion for acquittal or new trial will be granted. It would thus appear, and the Court is of the opinion that the Court is required to apply the factors as set forth under 18 U.S.C. § 3143(a)(2) which mandate the detention of Defendant.

### **ORDER**

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED**, that the terms and conditions of pretrial release in this matter are hereby **REVOKED** and it is **ORDERED** that Defendant be detained pending further proceedings in this matter.

Signed: June 8, 2017

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Dennis L. Howell", is written over a horizontal line.

Dennis L. Howell  
United States Magistrate Judge

